

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147A.4, the Department of Public Health hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 131, “Emergency Medical Services—Provider Education/Training/Certification,” and Chapter 132, “Emergency Medical Services—Service Program Authorization,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The rules in Chapter 131 describe the standards for the education, training, and certification of emergency medical providers. The rules in Chapter 132 describe the standards for the authorization of EMS services. These proposed amendments update the reference to the Iowa Emergency Medical Care Provider Scope of Practice and to the Critical Care Paramedic (CCP) Curriculum to the most recent editions, June 2016 and January 2016, respectively. The updated editions reflect current medical practice and core knowledge necessary for paramedics performing enhanced procedures for critical patients. The scope of practice document also removes the EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Ambulance provider levels, which are no longer certification levels in the State of Iowa. Provisions for administration of intranasal naloxone for all provider levels are incorporated in the updated scope of practice document to comply with 2016 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2218.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments on or before August 9, 2016. Such written comments should be directed to Rebecca Curtiss, Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services, Department of Public Health, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. E-mail may be sent to rebecca.curtiss@idph.iowa.gov.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 147A.4.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend paragraph **131.3(3)“b”** as follows:

b. Scope of Practice for Iowa EMS Providers (~~April 2015~~ June 2016) is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference for emergency medical care providers. For any differences that may occur between the Scope of Practice adopted by reference and these administrative rules, the administrative rules shall prevail.

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **131.5(1)“c”** as follows:

c. A training program shall use the Iowa CCP curriculum (~~November 2001~~ January 2016) for courses leading to the CCP endorsement.

ITEM 3. Amend paragraph **132.2(4)“b”** as follows:

b. Scope of Practice for Iowa EMS Providers (~~April 2015~~ June 2016) is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference for emergency medical care providers. For any differences that may occur between the Scope of Practice adopted by reference and these administrative rules, the administrative rules shall prevail.